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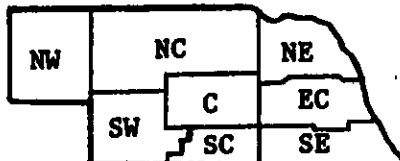
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WEATHER

The week was warm and mild. Temperatures averaged from six degrees above normal in the west up to ten degrees above normal elsewhere. Precipitation occurred midweek with amounts averaging around a tenth of an inch.

GENERAL

Some rainfall, or snow in the Panhandle, was reported in all districts except the Central and South Central Districts. The southeast reported the greatest amounts. Additional moisture will be needed in all areas of the State to replenish topsoil and subsoil supplies. Farm and ranch activities included small grain seeding, spring tillage, stalk shredding, fertilizer and herbicide applications, and equipment repair, as well as continued calving and livestock chores.

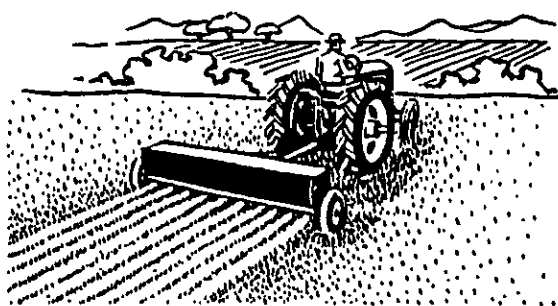
CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 2% poor, 80% fair, 17% good, and 1% excellent. The wheat and alfalfa crops were beginning to break dormancy and are in need of moisture to develop normally. A few reports of winter kill were received but most indicated that wheat was emerging from dormancy in fair to good condition. Some crown rot problems were reported in the Panhandle.

Oats and barley seeding has started in a few areas of the State.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture condition rated average to below average. Hay and forage supplies were mostly average; only the southeast was below average. Across the State, supplies of feed grains were reported as average. Spring calving and lambing continued with no major problems. Calf losses were average to below average statewide. Some problems were caused by snow and below zero temperatures during early March and some recent cases of calf scours.

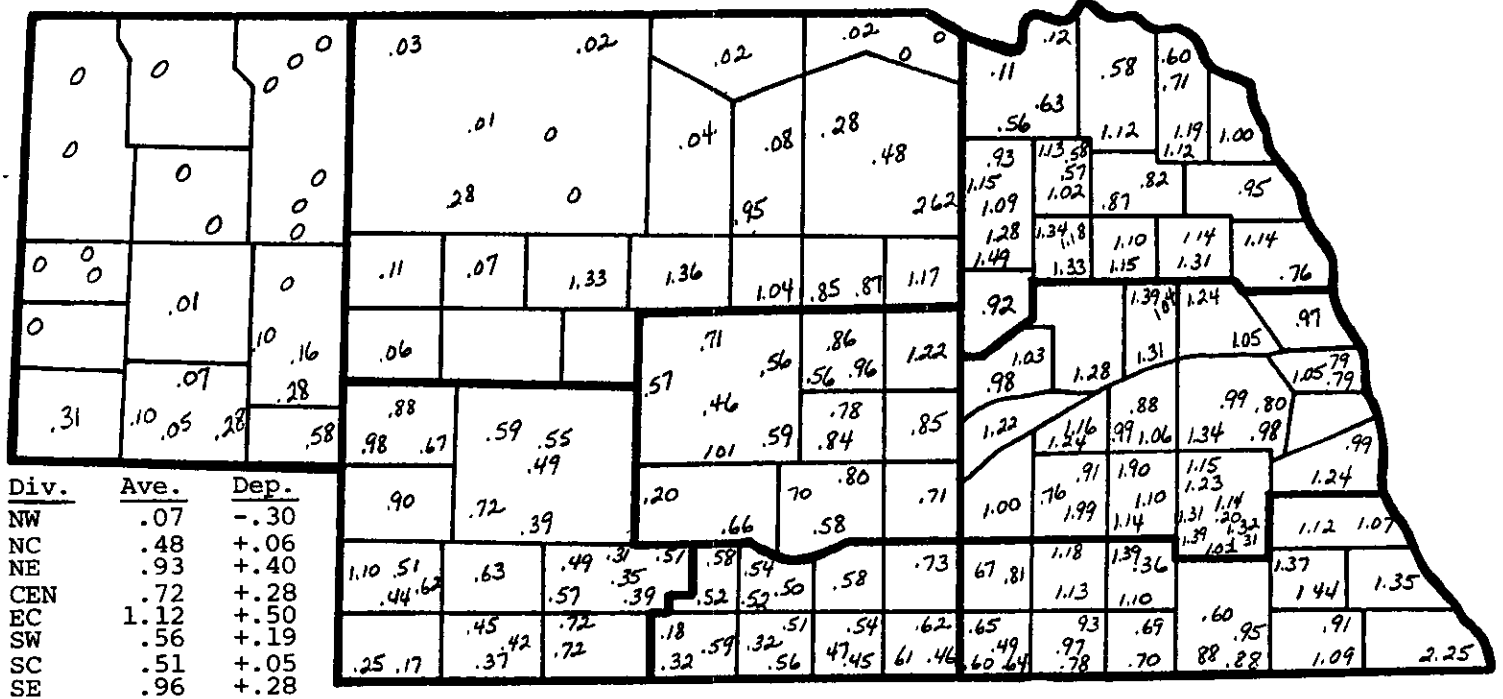


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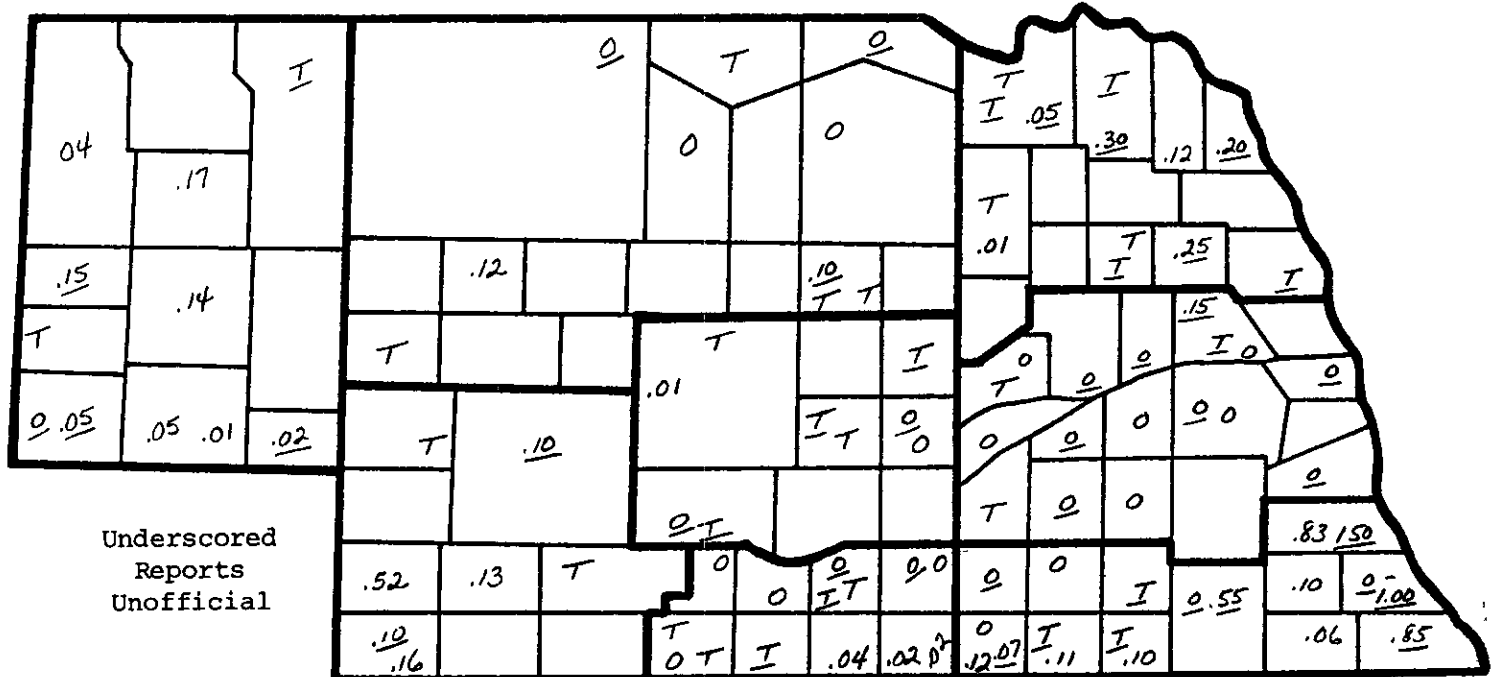
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1989 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1989



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1989

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	70	15	45	.27
	Scottsbluff	69	19	+6	.02
	Sidney	69	18	--	T
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	70	22	+10	T
NE	Norfolk	84	23	+10	.10
	Sioux City	82	25	+8	.17
CEN	Grand Island	82	24	+10	T
EC	Lincoln	83	27	+11	.15
	Omaha	80	26	+10	.06
SW	Imperial	76	23	--	.03
	North Platte	75	20	+8	.05

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.